

Remarks

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group 2, corresponding to Claims 13 – 37, without traverse. As such, Claims 1 – 12 and 38 – 43 have been cancelled as directed to a non-elected invention.

Also, the Restriction Requirement required election between species A – E. Applicants elect Species A, with traverse, for the following reasons. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the species election requirement because Applicants believe that no undue burden would be placed on the Examiner in searching all of species A – E.

Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that the species A – E should not be grouped into one species election. Here, species A and B are generic to species C, D, and E. Species C and D are generic to species A, B, and E. And; species E is generic to species A, B, C, and D.

If an election is required, Applicants do not believe that an election between species A-E is proper. If required, Applicants believe that an election should be between Species A and B (both directed to a pattern of loops), in which Applicants elect Species A.

Next, an election, if necessary, should be between Species C and D (both directed to the type of adhesive), in which Applicants would elect Species C.

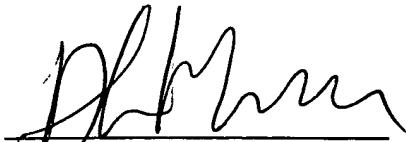
Finally, Applicants submit that claim 25 (directed to a garment in which the adhesive is applied in lengthwise columns) should be examined because it is generic to the other species identified in the restriction requirement.

As such, Applicants respectfully request that Claims 14, 18, and 25 be examined while claims 15 and 19 are withdrawn due to a species election requirement.

Should Examiner Craig have any further questions or concerns, she is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned at her convenience so that this matter may be resolved.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Restriction Requirement to
Deposit Account No. 04-1403.

Respectfully submitted,
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